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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/20/61

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (105-8235) (C)

SUBJECT: JAMES WILLIAM BECK, ETAL
CENTRAL AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC FRONT (CADF)
IS-NICARAGUA
RA-NICARAGUA

O.O. Chicago

Re WFO let to Bureau, 10/31/61, enclosing a letterhead memorandum, copies to Chicago, Miami, Cleveland and Springfield, wherein leads were set out to develop information regarding individuals reported to WFO by SAUL SAGE, aka., Saul Siegelbaum, to be involved with 1) "Interpen", a group of "revolutionaries" organized in Florida under the leadership of GERALD PATRICK HEMMING, and 2) an alleged plan to effect a coup d' etat in Nicaragua, organized by JOHN SELTZ and JACK NORDEEN of Chicago.

Regarding "Interpen", the Miami Division characterized this organization in a report on "Anti-Fidel Castro Activities; IS-CUBA" (Bufile 109-584; WFO 105-29955; CG 105-6033), dated August 10, 1961, as a group having in July, 1961, approximately 20 individuals, American adventurers, who were a continual police problem in that they were being arrested for vagrancy, drunkenness, and thievery. Chicago interviewed on May 29, 1961, one of the members of this group, one RONALD L. AUGUSTINOVICH, aka., Roger Mansfield, who gave a highly improbable account of some 800 veterans of service in the U.S. Armed Forces who were training in the swamps of Florida.

In view of the above, it is felt that the "Interpen" organization does not warrant further investigation. Unless directed otherwise by the Bureau or the Miami Division, Cleveland may discontinue on the lead set out in relet.

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Regarding the alleged plans of JOHN SELTZ and JACK NORDEEN of Chicago to organize an attempt to overthrow the government of Nicaragua, the following observations are considered pertinent:

SELTZ, age 21, the subject of Bufile 62-105585, Chicago file 105-8235, Miami file 2-262, was last interviewed September 26, 1960, by the Chicago Division. SELTZ was determined to be a headstrong, immature individual of considerable means who has expressed a desire to "free all the backward nations of the world".

NORDEEN, age 23, the subject of Bufile 62-105584, Chicago file 2-71, Miami file 2-257, was last interviewed August 4, 1960, by the Chicago Division. A PSI investigation reflected that NORDEEN (who had shot and killed his younger brother in 1956) was considered to be an erratic, unstable individual "full of fantastic ideas". Upon interview June 4, 1959, NORDEEN told of working with the Castro forces in Cuba in 1958 and 1959 and then in June, 1959, travelling to Oklahoma to search for gold.

In view of the above, it is felt that the information furnished by SAUL SAGE does not provide sufficient basis for further investigation of SELTZ and NORDEEN. Accordingly, unless directed otherwise by the Bureau, Springfield may discontinue on the lead set out, in relet and Chicago will conduct no investigation of SELTZ and NORDEEN at this time.

*Cuba
V.S.A.*
For the information of WFO, Chicago, with the concurrence of the Bureau, no longer initiates contact with CONSTANTINE N. KANGLES, former legal counsel for the Castro Government in the U.S., but accepts any information volunteered by KANGLES.

Chicago will remain alert to any pertinent information regarding SELTZ and NORDEEN and their participation in any activities of interest to this office.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (~~REF ID~~
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SAC, WFO (105-40348) (RUC)

FROM : *M. Beck*

SUBJECT: JAMES WILLIAM BECK;

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CENTRAL AMERICAN DEMOCRATIC FRONT (CADF)

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RA - NICARAGUA
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Transmitted to the Bureau herewith are 9 copies and to MM, CV, CG, and SP two copies each of a letterhead memo dated and captioned as above.

WF T-1 in the enclosed letterhead memo is SAUL SAGE, aka SAUL SIEGELBAUM. He was telephonically referred to WFO on 10/7/61, [by CIA] and was interviewed on the same date at WFO by SAs ERNEST H. BELTER and GENE L. BURGE. (u)

SAGE claimed he was born 2/22/26 at New York City and served in the U.S. Navy from December, 1944, to July, 1946, as an Electrician's Mate 3/c. He claims his parents live on a farm near Egg Harbor, New York, however, he does not keep in touch with them. He had in his possession United States Passport # 132970 issued March 3, 1958. He was further described as 5' 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", 175 pounds, dark brown curly hair, medium build, tattoo on left and right forearm, prominent nose, thin mustache with wide space in middle. He claims to have had a high school education. He speaks Spanish and indicated he held jobs as cook, electrician and photographer.

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WF T-3 is CONSTANTINE KANGLES, mentioned above, who furnished the information to SAs DAVID E. HOUSER and JAMES E. BONNER and which was included in CGrep of SA CHARLES B. WALKER, dated 9/19/60, entitled "MOVIMIENTO PRO-LIBERACION 23RD OF JULY (PRO LIBERATION MOVEMENT 23RD OF JULY), aka, IS - NICARAGUA; RA - NICARAGUA."

Interview with GERALD PATRICK HEMMING on 7/5/61, was contained in MM letterhead memo of 8/9/61, in the case entitled "GEORGE R. DAMON, IS - CUBA; RA - CUBA."

WFO indices contain no identifiable information concerning KARIL JANOUT, A. W. GRISSOM, JULIETA DE AMPIE, GEORGE TANNER, CARL NOVACK, CARL NOVAK, or Freedom Fighters of America.

LEADS

MIAMI DIVISION

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

Will interview GERALD PATRICK HEMMING in an effort to identify A. W. GRISSOM and NOVACK's first name, believed to be CARL.

Will also identify CARLOS (LNU) who is employed in the Pan American Electrical Shop in Miami.

CLEVELAND DIVISION

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will identify KARIL JANOUT, 13802 Melzer Avenue, Cleveland 20, Ohio, and report any pertinent information concerning him.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

AT COOKSVILLE, ILLINOIS

Will identify BOB (LNU) and report pertinent information concerning his association with NORDEEN and SELTZ.

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